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SUBJ: GUSH EMUNIM NIBBLING AWAY AT GOI SETTLEMENTS POLICY

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1. TODAY GUSH EMUNIM ACTIVISTS WILL BE LAYING THE CORNER-  
STONE FOR A SETTLEMENT AT SHILO, HALFWAY BETWEEN RAMALLAH  
AND NABLUS. SHILO IS OFFICIALLY AN "ARCHAEOLOGICAL CAMP,"  
ALTHOUGH THE PRESS NOTES THAT TWENTY GUSH EMUNIM MEMBERS  
LIVE AT THE SITE AND DIVIDE THEIR TIME BETWEEN YESHIVA STUDIES  
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AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK. LAST FRIDAY THE WEST BANK  
MILITARY COMMAND INFORMED THE GUSH THAT IT WOULD NOT  
APPROVE THE CEREMONY. IN RESPONSE, THE GUSH SENT A CABLE  
TO MINDEF WEIZMAN STATING THAT IT WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE  
DENIAL OF SUCH FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS IN THEIR OWN  
LAND. IN RESPONSE, DEPUTY MINDEF TZIPORI INFORMED THE GUSH  
SECRETARIAT ON SUNDAY THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WOULD

NOT PREVENT THE SHILO CEREMONY. EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY ARE EDUCATION MINISTER HAMMER AND MKS MOSHE SHAMIR AND GEULA COHEN.

2. REACTING TO TZIPORI'S DECISION, THE LABOR PARTY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT FOR YIELDING TO THE GUSH: "AT THIS DELICATE STAGE OF THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE EXCEPTION TO THIS RALLY, WHICH WILL BE INTERPRETED AROUND THE WORLD--EVEN AMONG ISRAEL'S FRIENDS--AS PROVOCATION."

3. COMMENT: SHILO IS NOT ONE OF THE FOUR WEST BANK SITES APPROVED FOR SETTLEMENT BY THE CABINET THIS MONTH. HOWEVER, GUSH ACTIVISTS (ALONG WITH THEIR SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT-SUPPLIED TRAILERS) MOVED INTO THE "ARCHAEOLOGICAL CAMP" AT SHILO TWO WEEKS AGO. THIS WILDCAT SETTLEMENT APPEARS TO BE A VIOLATION OF THE GOI-GUSH AGREEMENT THAT SETTLEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CABINET DECISIONS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE IS NO IDF MILITARY BASE AT THIS SITE. THE GUSH IS THUS ALSO INVALIDATING THE GOI PROMISE TO THE USG THAT NEW SETTLEMENTS IN SAMARIA WOULD ONLY BE ESTABLISHED IN IDF CAMPS. SHARON'S ROLE IN THIS SITUATION IS UNCLEAR, ALTHOUGH WE DO KNOW THAT HIS AIDE DEALING WITH SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO THE SHILO SITE ON JAN 11. IN ANY CASE, BEGIN APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING IN RABIN'S FOOTSTEPS AND LAYING HIMSELF OPEN FOR AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBARRASSING QADUM-LIKE SITUATION -- EITHER HE APPROVES THE GUSH'S WILDCAT SETTLEMENT AT SHILO, OR HE FACES HAVING TO USE THE IDF TO REMOVE THEM. LEWIS

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